

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

In response to the Restriction Requirement forwarded by the Official Action, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 6-8, 10-11, 13-15 and 25-26) for prosecution on the merits. Election is without traverse.

It is noted that claims 1, 12 and 20 have been identified as linking claims for Groups I-III. Non-elected claims 2-5, 9, 16-17 and 21-24 remain in the application, although withdrawn, because of the presence of linking claims 1, 12 and 20.

Claims 18-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

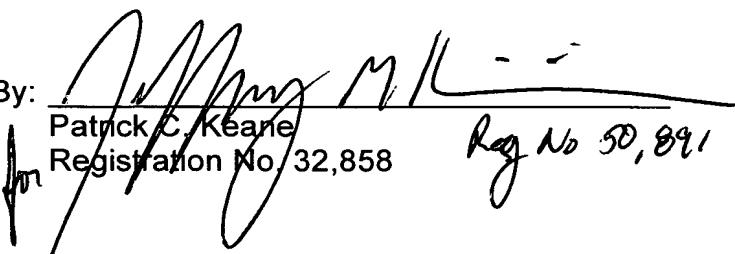
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